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ENGLAND SEIZES AMERICAN SHIP MAY GRAB MORE

Also Took Argentine Steamer
On Ground of "Enemy
Ownership"

IS MOST HIGH HANDED PROCEEDING OF THE WAR

Believed England Will Re-
quisition All Ships of
Trans-Atlantic Co.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The United States and Argentina, it was forecast here today, will join hands in protesting to England over the latter's ship seizure policy.

Seizure of the American ship Hocking and the Argentine ship Mitre recently on the ground of "enemy ownership" is the basis for such possible joint action.

The American case is aggravated by news from the American consul at Halifax that England had requisitioned the Hocking without the formality of prize court proceedings. This course, running to the administration is bound to provoke a strong protest from America. State department officials hold that England's course is arbitrary and far beyond her rights under international law.

At the same time, it is generally believed that Great Britain intends to requisition all the ships of the American Trans-Atlantic company. The concern has reported seizure of other ships and frankly believes England intends to go to the limit with all her vessels.

The cases of other ships of this line will probably be mentioned in connection with the proposed protest.

England has agreed to turn over to the prize court funds to cover the Hocking seizure in the event the case finally goes against her. This government, however, is not satisfied with such procedure and will insist the ship go back into prize court.

Bandits Surrounded Make Their Escape

Rhineland, Wis., Dec. 3.—While poached their lines drawn taut about a big swamp to capture three desperadoes, the latter boldly dashed out of their hiding place and escaped.

As the bandits ran, they kept up a running fight against their pursuers, but no casualties resulted.

The trio, wanted for shooting two deputies Wednesday, hid their time. When they heard a Soo freight train rumbling in the distance they made their dash for freedom. Selecting an open spot they made their way through it, but were spied from a distance by part of the cordon of armed guards, who were trying to "smoke them out." A fusillade of shots followed.

The pursuers, however, were too far distant to make capture possible, and meantime the three swung onto the fast freight to safety. Officers within a radius of 50 miles were notified and they stopped all trains, searching for the men.

DAY COACHES GOOD ENOUGH.

Portland, Or., Dec. 3.—The smokers or day coaches are good enough for city officials, Auditor Berber has held today in refusing to allow the claim of City Attorney W. P. Laroche and two assistants for 75 cents spent for parlor car tickets.

Abe Martin

SMITH'S CONFESSION SMIRCHES CROWLEY

While He Implicates Latter
He Is Silent About the
"Higher Ups"

San Francisco, Dec. 3.—Indictments, filed in their scope, will be returned next week by the federal grand jury in the alleged anti-aircraft bombing for which C. C. Crowley, detective and Louis J. Smith are under

the broad intimation to federal circles following three days of cross-examination of Smith before the grand jury. Crowley's hearing, slated for today, went over indefinitely.

Smith is reported to have made a clean breast of his connection with the alleged bomb plots. Everything the authorities wanted to know, except who was the "higher up" behind the scheme, and who destroyed the Seattle munitions barge, Smith is said to have revealed under a three hour grilling before the grand jury.

The "higher up," however, is known to the officials, they hinted today. His prominence in diplomatic circles is such that revelation of his name would create a sensation. While authorities do not name this party, they hint he was here in September under an assumed name, and that since he has quit the country, fearful perhaps of consequences.

Crowley's alleged connection with bomb conspiracies is said to have been definitely established upon him by Smith. With the grand jury adjourned to Monday, special agents of the department of justice and secret service men will complete the gathering of evidence, though the leaders feel that, even now, they have a connected chain of damaging information.

That they will make a "haul" more important and startling than was made in the Robert Pay bomb conspiracy in New York is the open hint in federal circles.

Meantime, authorities say they have obtained information tending to show that the Providence Journal's allegation that Crowley desired to ship "dried fruit" aboard munitions steamers from the northwest was started here. The Russian consul said he had been approached with the proposal before Crowley wrote his alleged letter to the Russian ambassador's wife at Washington, seeking to have the "dried fruit" shipments expedited.

Smith is said to have confessed that Crowley furnished him with money, but that he did not actually accomplish the destruction of the munitions barge at Seattle, which it is sought to trace to Crowley and Smith. Consul Bopp of the German embassy is reported to have been named by Smith as Crowley's employer.

Both Smith and Crowley, it is claimed, conferred in various parts of the country. In Tacoma, Smith is said to have admitted, he was arrested for having too large a quantity of explosives in his possession.

An offer of immunity to Crowley may be made again if he will reveal fully the connection of any "higher ups" with his alleged conspiracy. Crowley, however, stands pat and insists he is innocent of any wrong doing.

HAMBURG-AMERICAN OFFICIALS ARE GUILTY

Four Are Facing Sentence
But Case Will Go To
Supreme Court

New York, Dec. 3.—The possibility of two years imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine stare four Hamburg-American officials in the face today as a result of their conviction on charges of customs violations.

Sentence, however, was deferred by Judge Howe until tomorrow when he will simultaneously entertain a motion for a new trial.

The convicted men are Dr. Karl Buehn, managing director of the line, General Superintendent George Koester, General Purchasing Agent Hermeier, Joseph Poppinghaus, a second officer of the line. All four took their conviction quietly, and expressed the belief that the ultimate verdict will be in their favor.

The case undoubtedly will be fought up to the United States supreme court if necessary.

Biff Ball Championship To Be Decided Tonight

Tonight's games will decide the volleyball and biff ball championship of the Businessmen's class. Dr. Utter's team has a lead of but one quarter of a point ahead of Captain Elvin's players. In order for either side to win tonight, it must annex both games that will be played. A split will tie the score and in this event an extra game of biff ball will be played, the team making the first point to win the championship. Following the deciding game tonight the entire class will partake of a banquet in the association rooms.

Next week a new series of contests will be arranged, with new teams on each side.

RUSSIANS AND ITALIANS ON WAY TO HELP SERBIA

Italians Land On Albanian
Coast and Russians Are
On the Move

NORTHERN SERB ARMY TO JOIN THAT OF SOUTH

Monastir Has Fallen—Italy
Trying To Influence King
Constantine

London, Dec. 3.—The German Reichstag today set December 9 for discussion of peace terms in accordance with socialist demands, according to a Swiss dispatch today.

The specialists have arranged to ask that the chancellor discuss the basis on which Germany would be prepared to accept peace negotiations. Berlin papers have been discussing, though some suggest that even the mention of peace suggests to Germany's enemies, a weakness on Germany's part.

REICHSTAG TO TALK PEACE

London, Dec. 3.—Though unofficial reports today declared Monastir had surrendered to a joint force of the central allies, it is believed here that only a few Austro-German officers were in the city. Continued reports that the Serbians are heading southward towards the river valleys of northern Serbia is causing speculation. Such a force must be the northern army from the Plain of the Blackbird, and if they effect a junction with General Vassili's southern army, this will give the Serbs a formidable alignment in the south.

Speedy development of the Russian and Italian campaigns against the Balkans is expected. Reports indicate that the Italians have already landed on the Albanian coast, and that the Russians are on the move. Rumored withdrawals of the Austro-German troops from the Vardar valley are taken here to mean that these men are intended to strengthen the Bulgarian forces on the Rumanian border, where the Russians are expected to strike.

Confirmation is lacking, however, of Greek reports that Rumania has given the Russians permission to cross her territory.

Serbs Again Gather.

Salonica, Dec. 3.—Monastir has been captured, reports from two sources declared today.

Disputes from Florina, Greece said the Austro-Germans had entered the town Thursday. Athens messages said positively the Bulgarians occupied it. Official confirmation, however, is lacking. The fact that communication with Monastir has been cut since Thursday morning, tends to indicate that the reports are truthful.

The Serbians under General Vassili are thought to have moved westward or into Albania.

Florida messages asserted that the Bulgarians planned to enter Monastir today, and that only the Austrian flag had been hoisted above the city. Practically all the Serbs quit Monastir several days ago, fearing their fate if they remained. Bulgar and Greek residents, however, remained.

Coritz Must Fall.

Vienna, Dec. 3.—The combat for Coritz rages on with no quarter. Against the Bulgarians and the Italian bridgehead in that region, the Italians continue to send their men and their shells. With what success, the war of force did not say today, though it claimed that around Oslovina, an Italian attack beneath cover of a fog was repulsed by an Austrian infantry regiment.

That Coritz must fall before long, however, is secretly admitted in military circles.

Permaning Greek King.

Paris, Dec. 3.—The Italian minister at Athens is adding his pressure to that of the other allies to secure from King Constantine a definite pledge that Greece will not interfere with allies plans in the Balkans. It is believed here that he will have strong influence inasmuch as Greece is jealous of Italy's supposed ambitions in the Near East and he can relieve her anxiety on this score if he chooses.

Say Rumanians Are in Rumania.

London, Dec. 3.—Salonica dispatches today repeated the report that the Rumanians have entered Rumania, but Petrograd did not confirm the story. One Salonika message said it was rumored that a small Russian force had actually crossed Rumania and arrived at the Bulgar border.

British Defeated.

CROWLEY'S TRAIL LEADS TO HOME GERMAN OFFICIAL

Information Is Dragged From
Smith Who Was His
Understudy

GOVERNMENT MAY FILE MORE SERIOUS CHARGE

Crowley Offered Immunity If
He Will Reveal "Higher
Ups" But Stands Pat

San Francisco, Dec. 3.—That the trail of C. C. Crowley, detective and alleged anti-aircraft bomber, led to Cedarhurst, L. I., the German ambassador's summer headquarters, was the veiled hint from well informed authorities here today.

Whether Crowley's confessed work for the German consul here led him to visit the ambassador, or attaches Boyed and Von Papez there was not revealed. Nor would authorities admit they had traced any letters passing between Crowley and any of these persons.

The tip, however, that one of these three German officials and in some manner been implicated—not necessarily criminally, of course—was unmistakable and from an unquestionable source.

Persons familiar with the situation believed that the information was dragged from the lips of Louis J. Smith, alleged understudy of Crowley, when he testified before the grand jury yesterday.

May File New Charge.

Still another startling development today was semi-official announcement that the government intends to lay a new charge against Crowley—that of fraudulent use of the mails in soliciting the aid of the Russian ambassadors' wife in expediting shipments of "dried fruits" aboard munitions steamers out of Tacoma. The government, it is declared, proposes to prove, as the Providence Journal charged, that Crowley actually solicited such aid. But, authorities will try to show that the "dried fruits" actually were to be destructive bombs.

Conviction on this charge would mean a penalty more severe even than conviction in the alleged bombing conspiracy.

The preliminary hearing in the Crowley case set for this forenoon went over to Wednesday next. In the meantime, however, an indictment of Crowley is likely, thus obviating the need of such a hearing.

United States District Attorney Preston was in high spirits today over evidence wrung from Smith. All of the statements in his confession, Preston said, can be corroborated. Dates, places and details of the alleged plots to wreck munitions steamers and hamper munitions produced are said to have been given by Smith.

Crowley Says Work Innocent.

Special Agent J. Herbert Cole, of the department of justice, admitted he had possession of Smith for several weeks. A "tip" regarding the Crowley case, he said, led straight to Smith in Detroit, and showed that Crowley and Smith had been in that city simultaneously.

Meaning, Crowley and his attorney, J. P. O'Brien, profess to be confident of the outcome. O'Brien declared he is convinced nothing in Smith's story could be construed as implicating Crowley in any criminal.

Authorities, however, may use the evidence of Smith's as a lever on Crowley. While they profess ability to construe Crowley's story as innocent, they are absolutely to get at alleged "higher ups" without assistance from Crowley. To this end, it is hinted he may be offered immunity for revealing all details of his admitted work for the German consul. Crowley insists, however, that this work was legitimate and unconnected.

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South of Bagdad was claimed by the war office today. Five thousand British, it was said, fell on the Iraq front from November 5 to 25.

Submarine Got One.

London, Dec. 3.—The British steamer Langton Hall has been sunk by a submarine. Part of her crew has been landed.

THE WEATHER

DEMOCRATS ARE UNABLE TO AGREE IN THEIR CAUCUS

Fight Is Over Re-election of
Clarke As President Pro
Tem of Senate

POMERENE OF OHIO IS STRONG OPPONENT

Republicans Say They Will
Fight President's Prepared-
ness Program

Washington, Dec. 3.—Despite the fight waged against him, Senator Clarke, of Arkansas, was today re-elected president pro tem of the senate, by the democratic caucus.

Clarke's opponent for the honor was Senator Pomerene of Ohio, who charged in his hot fight that the Arkansas is a reactionary.

Clarke won 28 to 23.

By Bond P. Geddes.

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Washington, Dec. 3.—President Wilson's intervention to heal the growing breach over the proposed re-election of Senator Clarke, of Arkansas, as president pro tem of the senate and on the deadlock over the cloture question is imminent.

The senate democratic caucus resumed its session today still at odds over both subjects.

If the senators fail to agree on the cloture proposal, advocates of the measure announced it will be carried to the floor for an out and out fight in which assistance is expected from progressive republicans.

When the caucus closed last night, the conferees had failed to reach an agreement. Both sides were fighting strenuously for their cause. The prospect of failure to organize in time for the joint session of the house and senate Tuesday to hear the president's message seemed more imminent but leaders suggested today that, if President Wilson takes a hand, the danger of such a situation will be eliminated.

On the question of selection of a president pro tem, the caucus is split—members said, rather evenly. A strong fight against Clarke and in favor of Pomerene, of Ohio, is on.

Meantime, the republicans held a get together session with "Uncle Joe" Cannon on the job with his old time enthusiasm bubbling forth. Harmony was the watchword within the ranks. Minority Leader Mann, however, served notice that the administration preparedness program will not go through without hearing from the republicans.

While the republicans agree on preparedness it vital, they declare that methods and amounts may not be exactly as stated in the Wilson program. With this in mind, Mann announced that the republicans will fight an effort to jam the program through as a cut and dried affair.

Mann was again chosen minority leader, being placed in nomination by "Uncle Joe" Cannon.

POSTAL RECEIPTS GAIN IN SALEM OFFICE

For the month of November, the Salem postoffice shows an increased sale of \$618.96 for stamps and stamped papers over the sale of November, 1914. Year ago, November sales this year for all kinds of postage, which includes that from publishers and third and fourth class matter, were \$6,456.75, compared to \$5,516.79, of November, 1914. This increase in business is just a natural growth, as neither of the months has there been anything to add to the regular sales.

THREE HUNDRED INDICTED

Chicago, Dec. 3.—Three hundred grand jury indictments were secretly returned today against big Chicago building contractors, city inspectors, and labor officials in connection with violence in recent industrial difficulties. Charges range from assault with a deadly weapon down to malicious mischief.

TOOZE MAY NOT GO.

NEARLY DESTROYED ALL HOPES OF PEACE

Rev. Charles Aked Peeved,
Said He Wasn't Much
Interested Anyway

BRYAN TO JOIN PARTY

Washington, Dec. 3.—Former Secretary of State Bryan will go to Europe in three weeks to join the Ford peace party, according to Representative Bailey of Pennsylvania, who met Bryan here this forenoon between trains as the ex-premier was en route to New York.

Bryan urged Bailey to keep up the fight against preparedness. The Nebraska will confer here Sunday with Congressional friends concerning this fight.

The department is planning a night shift to take care of the numerous applications expected today and tonight from other members of the expedition.

New York, Dec. 3.—The Rev. Charles A. Aked's dignity and feelings were badly ruffled today. In fact, the San Francisco divine was so upset, when a frock coated doorman refused him admittance to the Ford peace headquarters, that he told a reporter he would positively cancel his passage and not sail with the Ford peace ship.

This announcement followed a wordy bout with the doorman.

"You can't come in here," the frock coated person firmly told the gentleman of the cloth.

"But I'm Rev. Charles F. Aked," the pastor protested. "I want to see Mr. Ford and convince myself that everything is all right concerning my arrangements."

The doorman didn't seem at all impressed. Apparently he had never heard that Aked was known as Rockefeller's pastor.

"Can't help it," he answered brusquely. "You can't come in."

Thereupon, the divine appeared peeved.

Turning away, he commented, "The peace voyage is a matter of little moment to me."

Secretary Lochner afterward cordially Aked, poured oil on the troubled waters, admitted him for a conference with Ford, and apologized profusely for the doorman's conduct.

Aked's "bouncer" friend not only made matters unpleasant for Aked, but likewise threatened to spoil the cruise by frightening other delegates.

The Ford headquarters are confident that all passports required for the journey will be ready tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock when the Oscar II is slated to get under way. One hundred and sixty have been arranged already, providing for safe passage as Americans to neutral countries.

To guard against accident, Ford made his will today, leaving his business to his son.

A wedding will mark the departure of the peace ship, for it was announced that Berton Bruley, and Miss Marian Rubincam of Philadelphia had moved up the date of their proposed nuptials and would wed just before the ship sails. Bruley is a writer, who covered the world's baseball series in verse for the United Press.

Salem Corn Show Proves Great Success

The greatest corn and potato show ever held in the state of Oregon was attended today by hundreds, in spite of the unfavorable weather. From all parts of the county, farmers of practical experience in corn raising were present and unanimous in their praise for the unusually fine quality of corn displayed.

Although this is only the second Marion county corn show those interested in the raising of corn feel convinced from the samples shown, that Oregon will eventually take its place on an equality with the central states in its corn products, in both quality and quantity.

The cash prizes for the corn awards were given by the Capital National bank, and for the potato awards, by the Laid & Bush bank.

Since there has been such a general interest in the exhibits in the city, it has been decided to keep the building open of evenings from 7:30 until 9 o'clock and next Sunday afternoon from 2 until 5 o'clock.

The six communities which have held corn shows this fall have made special efforts to present their products in artistic display. This community award which is perhaps the most important of all awards, will not be announced until tomorrow.

Up to noon today the following prizes had been awarded:

100 ears white Dent corn: First, A. E. Hughes, Woodburn; second, O. A. Dahl, Silverton; third, Dell Barber.

100 ears yellow D. corn: First, S. H. Van Trump; second, August Huflicker, living south of Salem; third, J. B. Hawthorne, south of Salem.

10 ears white corn: First, Peter Steffen, Silverton; second, J. W. Ray, Astoria; third, Elmer Smucker, Astoria.

10 ears Flint corn: First, J. Amundsen, Silverton; second, J. F. Erb; third, G. H. Ottaway, Silverton.

10 ears yellow Dent: First, J. B. Hawthorne, south of Salem; second,

OFFICIALS ASK WHO IS STATE HIGHWAY ENGINEER, ANYWAY

Brown Says Highway Engi-
neer May Employ Special
Attorney

NEGLECTS TO STATE WHO IS THE OFFICIAL

Highway Engineering Muddle
In Worse Tangle Than
Skein of State Flax

Certainly the State Highway Engineer may employ special counsel under the law, says Attorney General Brown, and the corridors of the entire state house echo back, "Who is the state highway engineer, anyway?"

There the matter is resting today. State Treasurer Kay asked Attorney General Brown for an opinion as to whether special counsel could be legally employed by the state highway engineer to handle the case brought by the mandamus proceedings now pending in the supreme court.

Mr. Brown in an opinion handed down today says: "It seems to me that under the provisions and interpretation of the law cited, that the highway commission has a lawful right to audit reasonable, necessary expenses in litigation by the state highway engineer in the pending suit referred to."

Mr. Brown neglects, however, to state who is state highway engineer and in view of the fact that he previously rendered an opinion in which he stated that John H. Lewis was state highway engineer it is inferred by the state treasurer that Brown opines that Lewis may hire special counsel and that Chief Deputy Cantline may not unless he wishes to pay for the services out of his own pocket.

Mr. Kay then says that Brown is playing with the highway commission and the matter stands about as it was in the first place. In his opinion rendered today relative to the employment of special attorneys Mr. Brown quotes from the decision of Justice Burnett in the Marion county case as follows:

"It has never been denied that in proper cases aid may be furnished for public officers. On the other hand, it has never been decided that aid can be ignored or superseded in the interest of special counsel. If this were so, by a parity of reasoning, the county court could ignore the sheriff, the assessor, the treasurer, or any other officer of the county, although the people themselves had chosen those public servants."

Section 17, chapter 330, L. O. L. provides:

Said commission shall first set aside such proportion of said state road fund as it deems necessary for the salary of said engineer and the expenses and maintenance of his office which must not exceed \$10,000 per annum."

Section 16 provides:

At the end of every month, said engineer shall prepare detailed account of all expenses of his office to be submitted to the commission.

And the secretary of state shall, if he finds it correct, draw a warrant in payment."

Section three among other things provides that expenses may be allowed the state highway engineer; the act says, "necessary traveling and other expenses."

Expenses are defined to be "that which is spent; money expended. As connected with litigation, such as attorney's fees, etc."

Since the suit to mandamus Lewis to take over the duties of state highway engineer is in accord with the ideas held by Mr. Lewis at the beginning of the original highway engineering muddle, to lose the suit in the supreme court would be a victory for Lewis.

Mr. Lewis is an attorney admitted to the bar in this state and has a disposition to handle his own case but the highway commission objects to this arrangement, as Lewis could win by losing.

Ex-Supreme Judge McNary rendered the opinion to the state highway commission in which it was held that Chief Deputy Cantline was the state highway engineer and the board acted upon this opinion. The board then suggested that Judge McNary be employed as special counsel for Mr. Lewis but Lewis objected since he held opposite views from his proposed attorney. Attorney General Brown could not represent Lewis since he holds the same opinion as Mr. Lewis and could likewise win his contentions by losing in the supreme court.

Hence the muddle

William Blake, Jr., Kaiser Bottom; third, Frank Borgelt.

12 ears sweet corn: First, Charles Heins; second, M. F. Bliven, Kaiser Bottom; third, T. L. Hartman, Polk county.

Single ear: First, William Blake, Jr., Kaiser Bottom; second, Clair Donker, Astoria; third, August Huflicker, south of Salem.

12 ears popcorn: First, J. W. Ray, Astoria; second, M. F. Bliven, Kaiser Bottom; third, A. M. Van Cleave.

